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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE  
TO COMNAVBASE GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5976

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 3139

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, HA  
SUBJ: HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

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1. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE HAITIANS HAVE CONSIDERABLY ALTERED THEIR STORIES SINCE AUGUST 12. THEY TOLD VICE CONSUL MCKEON THAT THE VOYAGE WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED, THAT EACH PAID APPROXIMATELY \$100. FOR PASSAGE, AND THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD ASSEMBLED FROM ALL OVER HAITI. NONE PROVIDED ANY FACTS WHICH WOULD GIVE RISE TO A BELIEF THAT THEY WOULD SUFFER POLITICAL PERSECUTION UPON RETURN TO HAITI ALTHOUGH GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY DURING THAT INTERVIEW. THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO PARA 1 D REFTEL.

2. DURING INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY EMBASSY VICE CONSUL MCKEON AUGUST 12, SOME REFUGEES SAID THEY HAD EARLIER APPLIED FOR AND BEEN REFUSED TOURIST VISAS AT THE CONSULATE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A COMPLETE LIST OF THE HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO WITH PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH. WE WILL CHECK OUR CONSULAR RECORDS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

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3. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA E REFTEL:

A. MADAME MAX ADOLPHE WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF THE V.S.N. (VOLONTAIRE SERVICE DE NATIONALE) IN JULY 1976.

B. THE EMBASSY ASKED PORT OFFICIALS FOR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A BOAT CALLED THE ST. JOSEPH OUT OF GRAND SALINE. THE PORT

AUTHORITY HAS NO RECORD OF THE BOAT.

C. THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF AN ELDERLY MAN NAMES  
ESCOSIERE (SIC).

D. AND E. THE EMBASSY HAS ASKED THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR  
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST OF FOUR MEN AT  
CHARDONNIERES ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 7 AND THE ALLEGED ARREST  
OF A MAN WITH A NAME RESEMBLING ERIC LINDOR LAST YEAR.  
WE HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS TRYING TO VERIFY SIMILARLY  
VAGUE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.  
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